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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of October, 1998.

In the matter of United Cities Gas Company's)

Tariff revisions designed to be reviewed in)

its 1997-1998 Actual Cost Adjustment for the)

Missouri service area of the Company.

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM PALMYRA DISTRICT RATES

United Cities Gas Company (United) of Brentwood, Tennessee, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on September 30, 1998 carrying an effective date of November 1, 1998. The tariff sheet is designed to change Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its Palmyra District due to a decrease in the spot market gas cost. The effect of this change will decrease United's annualized revenues by approximately \$80,400. The impact on a typical residential spaceheating customer using 97 Ccf of natural gas in the month of November will be a decrease of \$2.64, or 5.3%.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the change in United's PGA was calculated in conformance with its approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on November 1, 1998. Staff recommended that the tariff sheet submitted in this filing be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-97-259 and GR-98-274.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, November 1, 1998, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on September 30, 1998, by United Cities Gas Company of Brentwood, Tennessee, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas in its Palmyra District, be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after November 1, 1998, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 3

42nd Revised Sheet No. 48.1 Cancelling 41st Revised Sheet No. 48.1

2. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Hole Hold Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray, and Drainer, CC., concur.

Mills, Regulatory Law Judge